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TAGS: GATT, ETRD, ESCAP

SUBJECT: GATT HANDLING OF BANGKOK AGREEMENT

REFERENCE: STATE 264668

1. JAPANESE REPORT TOKYO SEEMS RELUCTANT TO TAKE INITIATIVE ON ANY HARD LINE IN GATT FOR SUBJECT AGREEMENT. THIS IS BECAUSE OF OVERRIDING POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS, AS BANGKOK AGREEMENT INVOLVES MANY OF JAPAN'S ASIAN NEIGHBORS. TOKYO AT ONE POINT FAVORED GATT WP IN PRINCIPLE BUT ULTIMATELY REMAINED UNDECIDED AND IN ANY EVENT WAS UNWILLING TAKE INITIATIVE.

2. MISSION FEELS BANGKOK AGREEMENT MUST SOMEHOW BE ADDRESSED IN GATT CONTEXT, EITHER VIA REFERENCE TO INTRA-LDC TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, WP, OR AT LEAST COUNCIL DISCUSSION. ONCE AGREEMENT IS OFFICIALLY CIRCULATED IN THE GATT AS WAS PROMISED AT THE OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING BY KOREA, WE WILL BE IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BETTER POSITION TO TAKE SOUNDING OF OTHER DELS' VIEWS.

WE NOTE THAT PAGE TWO OF BANGKOK AGREEMENT CLAIMS
AUTHORITY BASED ON "PART IV OF THE GATT AND DECISIONS
MADE IN PURSUANCE THEREOF." WE ALSO NOTE THAT AGREEMENT
TEXT OPENLY REFERS TO DESIRABILITY OF DISCRIMINATORY
APPLICATION OF NON-TARIFF BARRIERS. FOR THESE REASONS
AT THIS EARLY STAGE OUR INCLINATION IS THAT MATTER
SHOULD BE ULTIMATELY BE EXAMINED BY A GATT WP.DALE

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